

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SERVICES AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE
HELD ON 9TH FEBRUARY 2005**

PRESENT

Mr. Mackin presided over Mesdames Harrison, Rooker and Reddick.

1. APOLOGIES

Mr. Wren and Mr. Dear.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. STREET SURVEY

The Street Survey is now complete and ready for forwarding to the County Council.

4. GRASS CUTTING

Notices of 'Invitation to Tender' in respect of the town's grass cutting contract are to be placed in Bedfordshire on Sunday, The Advertiser and The Comet.

5. PLAY AREA MANAGEMENT

A contract is to be drawn up between the Town Council and Clements Play Management in respect of the management of the town's three play areas, namely St. Michael's, Midland Close and Bellcote Meadow and litter picking at The Meads.

6. PLAY AREA FENCING

It was decided to approach Marmax Products Ltd, manufacturers of Recycled Plastic, for a quotation in respect of replacing the old wooden fence surrounding the Bellcote Meadow Play Area. This was thought to require the least maintenance, it's Class Three fire retardant and is installed with security bolts and fixings. Clements Play Management Ltd is to be asked to quote for the costs of erection of the fence.

7. PLAY AREA INSPECTION

In order to comply with current legislation on play areas and the introduction of a new PlayCare inspection/maintenance system, it has become necessary to dispense with the services of the current play area inspector. A letter is to be sent thanking him for his services over the many years and the possibility of an offer of other maintenance work should he require it.

8. VERDANT Plc

A credit note has been received from Verdant Plc regarding an invoice previously sent in error regarding litter picking etc. at the three play areas.

9. STREET LIGHTING – CHICKSANDS

A letter has been received from Atkins Water enquiring about the way to progress their application in respect of proposed new street lighting at Chicksands. They are to be informed that this Town Council doesn't have any control over street lighting at Chicksands and as such they should apply to the County Council and possibly also contact the Bedfordshire Police Community Safety Officer at Dunstable.

10. TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

Information has been received from the County Council regarding a temporary road closure on the A507. The work is to be carried out between 14th and 21st March and the purpose is to enable installation of signing to be carried out in safety. The length of road affected will be 40 mph for 2.6k in an easterly direction from roundabout with A600 to roundabout with Hitchin Road. The restriction is only to be in operation when the necessary signs are erected on site.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A request for the removal of the dangerous iron work in the area adjacent to the Campton turn which had previously been used to support a litter bin that is no longer in place.

The meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.
